ALASKA MEASURES * *

10 Benefits of the New Assessment



1. Less bubbles to fill in

AMP items will require deeper thinking and fewer bubbles to fill in. The computerized AMP will use engaging features such as drag-and-drop, plotting points on a graph, and highlighting text.

2. More tools

Computer-based assessments allow new tools for students including highlighters, calculators, magnification, and search tools.

3. Advanced accessibility

Technology will allow for accessibility tools such as auditory calming, masking, and text to speech.

4. Text-to-speech

This accessibility tool will allow more accurate assessment in math through a computer-based read aloud tool.

5. A new baseline

The AMP assessment will more accurately measure the Alaska Math and English language arts standards.

6. Adapts as you go

Starting in 2017, the assessment will adjust in difficulty based on student performance. This provides greater score precision and a "better fit" for the student assessment experience.

7. Measures growth

The AMP scoring and reporting design emphasizes growth from year to year. Students are no longer labeled proficient or not; they achieve levels between 1-4.

8. Integrates concepts

Technology enhanced items are designed to measure related concepts and skills in a single test question. Questions are designed to reflect the way teachers teach and students learn.

9. Comprehensive assessment system

Technology practice tests, testlets to inform teaching and learning, and assessments to provide benchmarks complement the AMP assessment.

10. Comprehensive assessment system

The assessment not only measures more rigorous standards and high order thinking skills, but also is delivered via a medium that is more reflective of technology skills required of graduates.